Please follow the steps below <u>before</u> your immigrant visa interview at the U.S. Embassy in Khartoum, Sudan.

## Step 1: Complete your pre-interview checklist

It is important that you bring all required original documents to your interview. We've created a checklist that will tell you what to bring. Please print the checklist below and bring it to your interview along with the listed documents.

**Pre-Interview Checklist** 

## Step 2: Review interview guidelines

Read our interview guidelines to learn about any special actions that you need to take *before* your visa interview.

**Interview Guidelines** 

## Step 3: Schedule a medical exam in Sudan

As soon as you receive your appointment date, you must schedule a medical exam in Sudan. Click the "Medical Exam Instructions" button below for a list of designated doctors' offices in Sudan. Please schedule and attend a medical exam with one of these doctors before your interview.

**Medical Exam Instructions** 

## **Contact information**

U.S. Embassy Kilo 10, Soba Khartoum, Sudan

**Phone:** 

(187)-0-22000

From U.S.: (249)(187)0-22000

Email:
KhartoumIV@state.gov

Website: sudan.usembassy.gov

Reschedule:
KhartoumIV@state.gov

Map:



### Other links

- Diversity visa instructions
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## **Medical Exam Instructions**



All immigrant visa applicants, regardless of age, require a medical examination prior to the issuance of a visa. Only a physician accredited by the U.S. Embassy can perform this exam. It is your responsibility to schedule a medical exam with the doctor listed below before your visa interview appointment at the U.S. Embassy. Medical examination results from other physicians will not be accepted.

## Approved physician

#### Dr. Khalid Hamid

6th Floor, Fedail Hospital Hospital Road, Khartoum, Sudan

Telephone: +249 (0) 0155402767 or +249 (0) 0908025110

## Items to bring to your medical examination

You should bring the following items to your medical exam:

- Your visa interview appointment letter,
- Your passport,
- Two (2) recently taken passport-sized color photographs, and
- A copy of your immunization records.

Please schedule your medical examination at least one (1) week before the date of your visa interview. Failure to do so may result in processing delays. You must pay all medical examination fees, including x-ray and blood test fees, directly to the examining physician. The base cost of the medical exam is S.D.G. 1600. Fees for additional tests or required vaccines will be extra.

### **During the medical exam**

The medical examination will include a medical history review, physical examination, and chest X-ray and blood tests (for applicants 15 years of age or older). The United States requires tuberculosis (TB) testing for all applicants two years of age and older. The physician may also refer you to a syphilis testing laboratory. During your medical exam, please be prepared to discuss your medical history, medications you are taking, and current treatments you are undergoing. More information on general medical requirements for U.S. immigrants is available <a href="here">here</a>.

U.S. immigration law requires immigrant visa applicants to obtain certain vaccinations prior to the issuance of a visa. Current immigrant visa vaccination requirements are available <a href="here">here</a>. If you do not have a vaccination record, the panel physician will work with you to determine which vaccinations you may need to meet the requirements. You can also read Frequently Asked Questions about our medical examination requirements <a href="mailto:online">online</a>.

## After the medical exam

When your examination is completed, the doctor will provide you with exam results in a sealed envelope. **DO NOT OPEN THIS ENVELOPE**. Instead, bring it to your visa interview.

**IMPORTANT:** The validity of your visa will be limited to the length of validity of the tuberculosis (TB) test in your medical report. Typically, the validity is six (6) months from the time the medical exam is complete if you have no Tuberculosis Classification or have Class B2 or B3 TB. Validity is usually three (3) months for applicants who are Class B1 TB, Pulmonary or Class B1 TB, Extrapulmonary. **Applicants who do not travel before the visa validity period ends will need to restart the entire medical examination process and pay exam fees again**. Any applicant diagnosed with pulmonary or laryngeal tuberculosis who needs treatment will not receive a visa until he or she completes treatment successfully, regardless of the diagnostic criteria.

## **Pre-Interview Checklist ☑**



## Please use the list below to determine the items that EVERY applicant must bring to the immigrant visa interview:

## قائمة بالوثائق التي يجب أن تكون بحوزتك عند الحضور للمقابلة:

For each document (with the exception of your passport and photographs) please bring the *authenticated original document*, one certified photocopy, <u>and</u> a translation of any documents in a language other than English.

Missing or incomplete documents will result in significant delay of the issuance of your visa.

- 1. **Passport:** Your passport must be valid for travel to the United States and must have at least eight (8) months of validity from the date of visa issuance.
- 2. **Photographs:** You and each family member accompanying you must obtain two identical 2 x 2 inch (51 x 51 mm) color photographs that meet the Department of State's photograph requirements.
- 3. **Birth Certificate:** An *authenticated* original or certified copy provided by the issuing authority for each applicant (plus your spouse and all unmarried children under the age of 21, even if they are not immigrating with you). The date, place of birth, and parent(s) name(s) must be shown on the birth certificate. For Sudanese citizens, if a birth certificate is not available, an *original* Age Estimation Certificate from the Medical Commission may be accepted.
- 4. **National Number Certificate** (for Sudanese citizens): An *authenticated* and translated original is required.
- 5. Birth Certificate of Petitioner (if applicable): If your U.S. citizen son or daughter petitioned for you to immigrate, bring an *authenticated* original or certified copy provided by the issuing authority of the petitioner's (your son or daughter) birth certificate.
- Marriage Certificate (if applicable): If you are now or have ever been married, you must present an authenticated original or certified copy.
- 7. **Divorce/Death Certificate** (if applicable): If you were previously married, bring evidence of the termination of all marriages (i.e. *authenticated* original or certified copies of your divorce decree or spouse's death certificate).

(باستثناء جواز السفر والصور الفوتو غرافية) يرجى تقديم جميع الوثائق الأصلية مصادق عليها. ترجمة لجميع الوثائق الصادره باي لغه خلاف اللغة الإنجليزية.

الرجاء توثيق أصل الوثيقه وليس الترجمه، توثيق الترجمه لا يعد كافيا ولا يحل محل توثيق الاصل.

تقديم وثائق ناقصه أو غير مكتملة سيؤدي إلى تأخير كبير في إصدار التأشيرة.

- 1. **جوازات السفر:** يجب أن تكون صالحة للسفر إلى الولايات المتحدة ويجب أن تكون صالحه للسفر لمده 8 ثمانية أشهر على الأقل من تاريخ إصدار التأشيرة.
  - 2. الصور: صورتين فوتو غرافية ملونة على خلفيه بيضاء متطابقة 2
     × 2 بوصة (51 × 51 مم) لكل فرد من أفراد الأسرة المرافقين.
     يجب أن تفي الصوربمتطلبات وزارة الخارجية الموجوده بالموقع الاتى.
     photograph requirements.
- ق. شهادة الميلاد: احضار شهادة الميلاد الأصلية موثقة، أو نسخة مصدقة صادرة من السلطة المختصه، لكل مقدم طلب (الرئيسي والزوج، وجميع الأولاد غير المتزوجين تحت سن الحادية والعشرين، حتى وان كانوا غير مسافرين). يجب أن يكون مكان وتاريخ الولادة وأسماء الوالدين موضحين في شهادة الميلاد. للمواطنين السودانيين، إذا لم يتوفر شهادة الميلاد، يمكن قبول "شهادة تقدير العمر" الأصليه من اللجنة الطبية بالإضافة إلى شهادة الرقم الوطني
- 4. شهادة الرقم الوطني: احضار شهادة الرقم الوطني الأصلية موثقة ثم مترجمه
- 5. شهادة ميلاد مقدم الطلب (أن وجد): أذا كان مقدم الطلب الابن أو الأبنه يجب احضار شهادة ميلاد مقدم الطلب (ابن أو ابنه) الأصلية موثقة، أو نسخة مصدقة صادرة من السلطة المختصه
  - 6. شهادة الزواج (أن وجد): تقديم شهادة الزواج الأصلية موثقة، أو نسخة مصدقة صادرة من السلطة المختصة
  - 7. شهادة الوفاة/الطلاق (أن وجد): تقديم شهادة الطلاق/الوفاة (اثبات انهاء اي زواج سابق ان وجد) الأصلية موثقة، أو نسخة مصدقة صدارة من السلطة المختصة



- 8. **Adoption Certificate** (If applicable): The original or *authenticated* certified copy. The certificate must show the date and place of adoption and the names of the adoptive parents. The certificate must be issued by a public authority.
- U.S. Domicile: Copies of documents proving your petitioner's <u>domicile</u> in the United States, as required by U.S. immigration law.
- Educational Credentials or Experience (for employment-based or Diversity Visa categories only): Authenticated original documents or certified copies.
- 11. **Medical Exam Results** from the approved panel physician. Medical exam <u>instructions are on page 2</u>.
- 12. **Military records for Sudanese service:** Each person discharged from the Sudan Defense Force or Sudan Police is issued a discharge certificate. Apply to the appropriate headquarters to obtain a duplicate.

**For Sudanese applicants:** An authenticated and translated record (completion, deferral or exemption) from the Mandatory Service is required.

13. Evidence of Financial Support and Supporting

Documents: (Form I-864; I-864A, I-864EZ, I-864W, I864P as appropriate to your case) and photocopy of
IRS transcript or the most recent U.S. federal income
tax return.

<u>Form I-864</u> must be submitted for all **family**-based applicants and **employment**-based applicants when a relative is the petitioner or has ownership interest in the petitioner's business. Evidence of your income must be less than 12 months old.

If you are applying for a visa in an **employment**-based category, you must bring a recent letter from your employer confirming that the job offer upon which your application is based is still available. Qualified nurses must also present their Visa Screen Certificate.

**K and Diversity Visa** applicants are not required to provide a Form I-864. However, they must show evidence that they are not likely to become public charges while in the United States. Applicants are strongly encouraged to complete Form I-134 to satisfy this requirement.

- 8. شهادة تبني/كفاله (أن وجد): تقديم شهادة التبني/الكفاله الأصلية صادرة من السلطة المختصة وموثق. يجب أن يكون مكان وتاريخ التبني/الكفاله وأسماء الوالدين موضحين في شهادة التبني/الكفاله. يجب أن تكون الشهادة صادرة من السلطة المختصة.
- 9. الاقامة بالولايات المتحدة: تقديم الوثائق التي تثبت أن الولايات المتحدة الأمريكية محل اقامة مقدم الطلب. قانون الهجرة والتجنس للولايات المتحدة الأمريكية تقتضي أن راعي المهاجرين يجب أن يكون مقيما في الولايات المتحدة
- 10. المؤهلات التعليمية أو الخبرة (الهجرة على أساس العمال أو القرعه "مهاجرين فيزا التنوع"). المستندات الأصلية الأصلية موثقة، أو نسخة مصدقة صادرة من السلطة المختصة
- 11. **نتائج الفحص طبي من الطبيب المعتمد**: أحضار جواز السفر وأربعة صور فوتو غرافيه لكل شخص سوف يخضع للفحص الطبي، بالاضافه الى رسالة مواعيد المقابله التي تحتوي على رقم المعامله

إذا كنت تعاني من مرض مزمن، أوتم علاجك من مرض، أو تحت الرعاية النفسية، ينبغي عليك تقديم الملف الطبي الخاص بك للطبيب للاتطلاع عليه

لتجنب التأخير، ينبغي أن تكون سجلات تطعيم (إذا كان متوفره) جميع طالبي تأشيرة الهجره بحوزتهم عند الذهاب للفحص الطبي.

12. **السجلات العسكرية للسودان متوفرة**: شهادة تسريح من الخدمة بالقوات المسلحة السودانية أو شرطة السودان . شهادة بدل فاقد تصدر عن السلطة المختصة

للسودانيين: شهادة الموقف من الخدمة الإلزامية (إنجاز أو التأجيل أو الإعفاء) الأصلية موثقة ومترجمة

13. Z، VB4P-I - R64P حسب حالة الخاص بك) بالاضافه الى نسخة من استمارات مصلحة الضرائب أو نسخة من ضريبة الدخل الاتحادية الأخيرة

المهاجرين على أساس الأسرة المباشرة أو على أساس العمل أو العمل عند أحد ألاقارب يجب عليهم تقديم إفادة تعاقدية للدعم بتقديم استماره Form I-864 مدعمه بوثائق لل12 شهر السابقه

المهاجرين على أساس العمل يجب ابراز رسالة من صاحب العمل يؤكد أن توفر فرص العمل التي يستند إليها طلب التاشير هز ، هناك حاجة لتقديم رسالة من صاحب العمل يؤكد أن توفر فرص العمل التي يستند إليها.

المتقدمين لتاشيرات الخطوبه والقرعه العشوائيه ليسو مطالبين بالاستماره Form I-864 ولكن يجب أن يقدمو الادله على أن المهاجرين لن يصبحو عب على الدوله وهم بالولايات المتحدة. لتلبية هذا المطلب ينصح بشدة بإكمال الاستماره Form I-134,

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14. Police Clearance(s): Police certificates are required for each visa applicant 16 years of age or older. The table below shows how many police certificates are required based on where each applicant lives and has lived previously.

Present and former residents of the United States should NOT obtain any police certificates covering their residence in the United States.

14. صحيفة الحالة الجنائية: تقديم صحيفة الحالة الجنائية (حسن سير وسلوك) لكل مهاجر بلغ ال 16 او اكثر و ويبين الجدول أدناه الشهادات المطلوبة استناداً إلى البلاد التي يعيش بها أو اوقد عاش بها سابقا. (المقيمين الحاليين والسابقين في الولايات المتحدة غير مطالبين بالحصول على شهادات تغطي فترة إقامتهم في الولايات المتحدة).

If you إذا كنت:	AND you وأنت:	THEN submit a police certificate from یجب ان تقدم شهادة شرطة من:
Are 16 years old or older بلغ من العمر 16 عاماً أو أكثر	Lived in your country of nationality for more than six (6) months at any time in your life	Your country of nationality.
J J 10 J 6 E.	تعيش في البلد التي تحمل جنسيتها لمدة 6 أشهر أو أكثر في أي وقت مضى في حياتك	البلد التي تحمل جنسيتها
Are 16 years old or older 16تبلغ من العمر عاماً أو أكثر	Have lived in your country of current residence (if different from the country of your nationality) for more than six (6) months  تعيش في بلد الإقامة الحالي (إذا كان مختلفاً عن الجنسية) لأكثر من 6 أشهر	Your country of current residence. بلد الإقامة الحالية
Have ever lived in another country for <b>12 months or more</b>	Were 16 years or older at the time you lived there	The country where you used to live.
قد أقمت من أي وقت مضى في بلد ثالث (غير بلد الجنسيه أو بلد الاقامه الحالي) لمدة 12 شهرا أو أكثر	كنت تبلغ من العمر 16 سنة أو الأكبر سنا في الوقت الذي أقمت هناك	البلد الثالث (غير بلد الجنسيه أو بلد الاقامه الحالي.
Were arrested for any reason, regardless of how long you lived in that city or country, and no matter what age you were تم القبض عليك لأي سبب من الأسباب، بغض النظر عن متى كنت تعيش في هذه المدينة أو البلد، ولا عمرك في ذلك الوقت		The city and/or country where you were arrested. المدينة و/أو البلد التي اعتقلت فيها.

## **Interview Guidelines**



## Sending documents to the U.S. Embassy in Khartoum

If you need to send us any documents, please DO NOT mail them to us directly. Instead, please drop them in the Consular Visa Box located by the Consular gate.

## Rescheduling or cancelling your interview

If you are unable to attend your appointment, please email us at <a href="Minimum.KhartoumIV@state.gov">KhartoumIV@state.gov</a>. There may be a significant wait before the next available appointment, so please attempt to attend the date already assigned.

For some family-based and employment preference visa categories, a visa became available within the month you have been scheduled by NVC. DV applicants should be aware that visas are numerically limited and must be issued by September 30 of the program year. **There is no guarantee that a visa will still be available on the date of your rescheduled interview.** Please carefully consult the <u>Visa Bulletin</u> before you request to reschedule your interview.

## Security screening procedures

All visitors to the U.S. Embassy must follow certain security procedures. Any visitor who declines to be screened by U.S. Embassy security personnel will be unable to enter the embassy. To avoid delaying your entry and that of those in line behind you, please bring only what is required for your interview.

## **Accompanying persons**

The following persons may accompany a visa applicant to their interview:

- Interpreter: Applicants may bring ONE interpreter if they do not speak English or Arabic well enough to participate in an interview.
- Special Needs Visitors: Applicants may bring ONE person to help if they are elderly, disabled, or a minor child.

Attorneys are **not** permitted to accompany clients into the waiting room or to their interview.

## **Immigrant visa fees**

If you have not paid all required fees to the National Visa Center, please be prepared to pay these fees on the day of your interview.

All fees may be paid in U.S. dollars. We accept cash and credit cards only. *Please note that if you are found ineligible to receive a visa, the application fee cannot be refunded.* A complete list of fees can be found here.

## Do not make travel plans outside of Sudan

If your visa is approved, we will keep your passport at the embassy while we prepare your immigration packet and print a visa for your passport. We will return your passport to you later via courier services only. If you have to travel within Sudan while your passport is still with us, please make sure you have a valid picture ID other than your passport.

# **After Your Interview**



A consular officer can make a decision on a visa application only after reviewing the formal application and interviewing the applicant. *There is no guarantee that you will receive a visa.* Do not sell your house, car or property, resign from your job or make non-refundable flight or other travel arrangements until you have received your immigrant visa.

### If more information is needed

Sometimes a consular officer is unable to make a decision on a visa application because he/she needs to review additional documents or the case requires further administrative processing. When additional documents are requested, the consular officer will give you a refusal letter that asks you to submit additional documents. The letter will include instructions on how to send those documents to the embassy.

Administrative processing takes additional time after the interview. Most administrative processing is resolved within 60 days. However, the timing varies based on the circumstances of each case. Before inquiring about the status of administrative processing, please wait **at least** 60 days after your interview.

## What happens after visa approval

Passport, Visa, and Sealed Immigrant Packet – We will place your immigrant visa on a page in your passport. Please review your visa to make sure there are no spelling errors. We will also give you a sealed envelope containing documents that you must give to U.S. immigration authorities when you arrive in the United States for the first time. Do not open this envelope. You must carry it with you. Do not put it in your checked luggage. If you receive X-rays during your medical examination, carry those with you and give them to the U.S. immigration authorities.

**USCIS Immigrant Fee** – All individuals who are issued immigrant visas overseas must **pay an <u>Immigrant Fee</u>** to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) *prior to traveling* to the United States. This fee is for processing your residency status and printing your Permanent Resident Card. The only people exempt from paying this fee are: children entering the United States under the Hague Process, returning residents, and people traveling on a fiancé(e) (K) visa.

When You Should Travel – You must enter the United States *before* the expiration date on your visa, which is usually six (6) months from the date of printing. Your visa cannot be extended and all fees are nonrefundable. The principal applicant must enter **before or at the same time** as other family members with visas. Unless they are eligible for benefits under the Child Status Protection Act, children who are issued a visa before turning 21 years of age must enter the United States *before* their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday to avoid losing their immigrant status.

**Getting a Green Card** – Your Form I-551 Permanent Resident Card, also known as a green card, will be automatically mailed to the address in the United States that you write in your visa application form. This is a very important document that proves you have permission to reside in the United States. *If you plan to travel outside the U.S. before your green card arrives*: Please consult <u>USCIS's</u> and <u>CBP's</u> websites for rules about what documents you need to re-enter the country. We also recommend you check with the airline to ensure you are in compliance with their rules. *Once your card is issued, you should not stay outside of the United States for more than one year. If you do, you may lose your status as a Lawful Permanent Resident.* 

Children's Issues – In the United States, children are required to have certain vaccinations before they can enroll in school. We recommend that you bring your child's complete vaccination records with you to the United States. If your child is adopted, you have full custody as a result of a divorce, or you share custody with another parent, you should bring a copy of all applicable adoption or custody papers from the authoritative court in your home country. You will need these papers (translated into English) for issues such as school enrollment, medical care, and eventual citizenship.

**Information for New Immigrants** – Please visit the USCIS web page for helpful information on moving to the United States. You can read their publication "Welcome to the United States: A Guide for New Immigrants" online.

# **Diversity Visa Applicants – Additional Information**



If you are interviewing for a Diversity Visa (DV), all of the above instructions apply to you unless noted otherwise. Please schedule and attend a medical examination prior to your visa interview and gather the required documents.

Below are additional instructions that apply **only** to DV applicants.

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In addition to the documents listed on the <u>Pre-Interview Checklist</u> in this package, DV a following items to your visa interview:	applicants should also bring the
Appointment information printed from the "Entrant Status Check" on the E-D\	/ website.
Documents showing that you have either a qualifying high school education <b>O</b> l experience in the five (5) years immediately prior to application (for the principle information is available online).	
Payment in cash of the \$330 Diversity Visa Application Fee for <u>each</u> visa application	ant.

## **Review your DV Lottery entry**

Prior to your visa interview, we recommend that you review the data on your initial E-DV entry. On your initial E-DV application, you must have correctly entered your marital status. If you are legally married you must have listed your spouse, even if you are currently separated from him/her (unless your spouse is a U.S. citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident).

Additionally, you must have listed ALL of your living children who are unmarried and under 21 years old. This includes your natural children, your spouse's children, or children you have formally adopted in accordance with the laws of your country.

You can review the eligibility requirements online.